

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

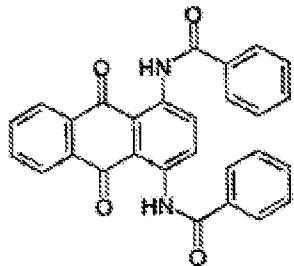
1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Suhadolnik on 09/30/2009.

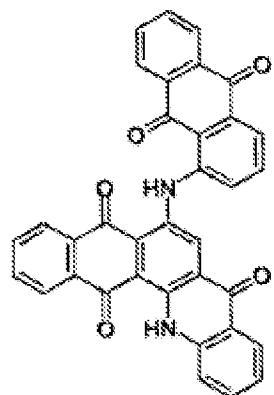
2. The application has been amended as follows:

2.1. Claim 1 has been replaced with

-- 1. A process for dyeing cellulosic fibre materials, wherein the fibre material is brought into contact with a dye mixture comprising dyes of formulae



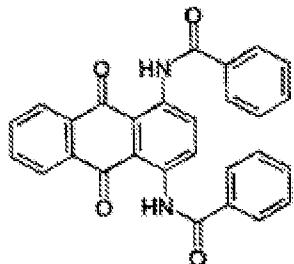
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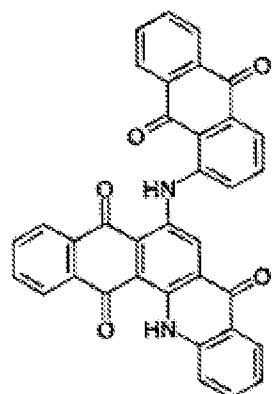
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2.2. Claim 10 has been replaced with

-- 10. A dye mixture for dyeing cellulosic fibre materials comprising dyes of formulae



and



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2.3. Claims 2-4 and 11 have been cancelled.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The most pertinent prior art known to the Examiner is listed on the attached forms PTO-892 and 1449. As shown by Ali et al., Chao et al., Badische Anilin, Hohmann and Dettwyler et al., the close prior arts of record, a process of dyeing with anthraquinone- based dyes and the mixtures of anthraquinone dyes are well-known. However, none of the prior art of record

including Ali et al., Badishce et al. and Gubelman et al. provides sufficient suggestion or motivation to arrive at a mixture of the specific dyes of formulae (3a) and (4a) - the two dyes of the amended claims- as required in the present claims. Ali et al. and Badische Anilin teach the vat dye of formula (3a); the Hohmann and Chao et al. references teach various vat dyes mixtures and Dettwyler et al. teach an anthraquinone-acridone dye; however, the benzacridonyl substitution is positioned at a different site. Furthermore, none of the cited references teach the combination of the two dyes. Accordingly, the claimed invention, as a whole, would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the dyeing art. None of the prior art of record teaches, discloses or suggests a dye mixture with the specific dye formulae and the use of the dye mixture in the manner as those recited the present claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-6965. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 1796
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